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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/621,528	Applicant(s) MUHLBERGER ET AL.	
	Examiner Christopher A. Revak	Art Unit 2131	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 13-15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 7/21/00 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's amendments to claims 1-12 has overcome the rejection under 25 USC 112 1st paragraph and the examiner accordingly has withdrawn the rejection.
2. The examiner has found the applicant's arguments to be persuasive as per claims 13-15, however the examiner determined that there exists an antecedent basis problem with claim 13 and that there exists a 112 2nd paragraph problem with the claims.

Claim Objection

3. Claims 13-15 are objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 13, line 5, there exists an antecedent basis problem in that "the first memory access means" is not previously recited. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 13, on line 1, it is recited of "memory means" that has a first storage location and a second storage location, furthermore, data is stored in the "first location of the memory means" and the first storage location enables access directly only by the "first memory access means" and additionally recited is "second memory access means" and "additional memory access means". It is unclear of the relationship between the "memory means", "first memory access means", and the "first storage location". From the specification and the other claim sets, the "memory means" includes "first memory access means, second memory access means, and additional memory access means". The examiner is interpreting the claim language to include those components within the memory means, however the claims will need to be amended to overcome the rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-12 are allowed.
7. Claims 13-15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph and the claim objection, both set forth in this Office action.

As per claim 13, it was not found to be taught in the prior art of memory means including first memory access means, second memory access means, and additional memory access means, data is stored in a first storage location in that access is only enabled directly by the first memory access means. Access authorizations are applied to the first storage location to the additional memory access means and if verified by the


additional memory access means, the second memory access means indirectly accesses the first storage location by additional memory access means and the first memory access means.

Conclusion


8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher A. Revak whose telephone number is 571-272-3794. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 6:30am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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October 29, 2005

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